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NEW FAMILY LAW COURT COMMISSIONER IN INDIO SELECTED

Riverside County —The Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, has announced the selection of Dale R. Wells, Attorney and Family Law Facilitator, as its newest Court Commissioner, assigned to the Family Law Division at the Larson Justice Center in Indio, California. He was sworn in on November 12 and he begins his assignment today.

Wells received his Juris Doctorate from California Southern Law School in Riverside in 1993. From 1994 to 1998, he was a sole practitioner attorney handling criminal defense, civil practice, probate, bankruptcy, and family law. For 20 years prior to attending law school, he was a full-time minister.

Wells has worked for the past six years as a Family Law Facilitator for the Riverside Superior Court assisting self-represented litigants with family law matters, as well as with some probate matters, such as guardianships and adoptions. He has conducted hundreds of settlement negotiations and has helped thousands of self-represented parties in a stressful, legal environment. He has also sat as a Pro-Tem (temporary) judge presiding over matters such as traffic, civil, small claims, unlawful detainers, and family law matters.

In 2002, Wells was appointed by the Honorable Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of the State of California, to a three-year term on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council. He is also a member of the Statewide Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants, and a member of the AB1058 (Child Support Legislation) Subcommittee to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council.

Wells and his wife, Mary, live in the Coachella Valley, where they are actively involved in their church. They enjoy weekend getaways to the local mountains and San Diego. Wells enjoys off-roading, reading and writing in his spare time.

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